

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 446  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Betty West and the Hendersonville High School Cheerleaders on winning their 7th World Cheerleading Association Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic programs that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Hendersonville High School Cheerleading team have devoted a significant amount of time and effort to practicing and perfecting their skills; and

WHEREAS, first winning the Championship in 1992, Hendersonville has won this competition every year since 1997; their perennial success in cheerleading has endowed them with national prestige; and

WHEREAS, at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, the hard work and dedication of the Hendersonville High School Cheerleaders became apparent when they defeated ten other high school teams to achieve victory; and

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WHEREAS, throughout their extraordinary season, the Cheerleaders from Hendersonville High School also won the Back to School Competition, placed second in the TSSAA Medium Varsity Division, and at the Universal Cheerleading Association Camp, placed first in Dance and Xtreme Routine and were awarded the Tradition Award for Cheer; and

WHEREAS, diligent, hard workers who often practice for many hours at a time, this outstanding team was composed of Brittany Joyner, , Co-Captains Jill McKnight and Holly Ytzen, Megan Dutton, Taryn Conn, Allison West, Brittany Blackmore, Mindy Shaffer, Kerra Steinhauer, Logan Bedden, Sara Sizemore, Staci Morris, Brittany Garrett, Michelle Pawlak, and Britney denHertog; Head Coach Betty West and Assistant Coaches Kerry Arrington and Christy Brown provided their expert guidance to these young ladies throughout their triumphal season; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the efforts of the team, five seniors competed in individual competition; Brittany Joyner was first runner-up in the tumbling division, and in the nontumbling division, Taryn Conn was second runner-up, Megan Dutton was fourth, Holly Ytzen was fifth, and Jill McKnight was 11th; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Hendersonville High School Cheerleaders have gone on to cheer in college; in the words of Coach West, "The members of this year's team join an elite list of past high school cheer athletes at Hendersonville High School"; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville High School Commando Cheerleaders epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both in the classroom as well; they inspired the Hendersonville High School student body and united their entire community while completing their triumphal championship run through this season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Hendersonville High School Cheerleaders for winning the World Cheerleading Association Championship and serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Betty West and the Hendersonville High School Cheerleaders on winning the World Cheerleading Association Championship. In achieving success in this high level of competition, these cheerleaders have proven themselves exemplary and capable young women who are worthy of this General Assembly's accolades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.